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IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUEZ BASE SETTLEMENT

- I. Implications of 27 July Settlement
  - A. Begins new era Egyptian relations West
  - B. Immediate result strengthen Nasr regime domestically and among Arab states.
  - C. Egypt may now adopt more constructive attitude:
    - 1. Alignments in Arab League--deemphasize
      new Cairo-Riyadh axis.
    - 2. Regional defense--cooperate with West
  - D. Internally regime now faced problem implementing much-publicized economic program—only limited achievement possible due basic problem: overpopulation and lack resources.
- II. Reactions to Settlement

B. Israel concerned consequences British evactuation and grant US arms—demands equal quantity pocument No. 32

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2. In broadcast 25 July Directo meral Israeli Foreign Ministry strongly objected to British evacuation and grant US arms to Egypt as encouraging "second round". Declared "paper guarantees or new tripartite agreement as pointless."

## YOU YOUR INFORMATION:

The Embassy Cairo has drafts ready to negotiation with Egypt for grant arms and economic assistance.

Discussions expected to open shortly.